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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--OCTOBER 1991

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in October to a level of 137.4 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in October, the CPI-U increased 2.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in October prior to seasonal adjustment. The October 1991 CPI-W level of 135.4 was 2.7 percent higher than the index in October 1990.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in October, following a 0.4 percent increase in September. The moderation was broad based as each of the 7 major expenditure categories recorded changes that were less than or equal to those of the preceding month. (see table A.) Food prices, which turned up in September after registering declines in the 2 preceding months, fell 0.1 percent in October. The index for energy, after advancing 1.0 percent in September, increased 0.2 percent in October as a downturn in gasoline prices partially offset an increase in the cost of household fuels. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced 0.1 percent in October. This compares with increases of 0.4 percent in each of the preceding 4 months.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Oct. '91
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Oct. '91	
	1991								
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.		
All items	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	.1	2.7	2.9
Food and beverages	.7	.0	.5	-.5	-.2	.1	-.1	-.6	2.3
Housing	.2	.2	.1	.3	.0	.5	.3	3.3	3.1
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.5	-.1	.9	1.2	-.4	-.4	1.6	3.3
Transportation	-.3	.7	.2	.0	.4	.2	-.2	1.6	-1.4
Medical care	.5	.6	.6	.6	.8	.7	.6	8.4	8.1
Entertainment	.7	.1	.2	.4	.4	.7	.2	5.6	4.6
Other goods and services	.8	.2	.8	.3	.9	.7	.5	8.9	8.0

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During the first 10 months of 1991 the CPI-U has advanced at a 2.7 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR). In this period, energy prices have declined at a 10.1 percent rate, while the indexes for food and for all items less food and energy have risen at annual rates of 1.2 and 4.5 percent, respectively.

The index for food and beverages, which turned up in September after registering declines in each of the 2 preceding months, fell 0.1 percent in October. Grocery store food prices declined 0.3 percent, largely as a result of a sharp downturn in fruit and vegetable prices. Fresh fruit and vegetable prices fell 3.1 percent in October, reflecting declines in most fresh produce. In particular, the index for oranges, which had increased 78.4 percent during the first 9 months of the year, dropped 14.4 percent. Another drop in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs--down 0.2 percent in October--also contributed to the decline. Meat prices continued to fall in October as beef and pork prices declined 0.2 and 0.8 percent, respectively. During the first 10 months of 1991, beef prices have fallen 1.7 percent and pork prices, 4.6 percent. Poultry prices were unchanged in October and have risen 1.0 percent thus far in 1991. Among other grocery items, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and dairy products each advanced 0.3 percent in October, and the index for other food at home rose 0.2 percent. The remaining two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--each increased 0.1 percent.

The housing component rose 0.3 percent in October after increasing 0.5 percent in September. Shelter costs reflected the same movements, advancing 0.3 percent in October after registering a 0.5 percent increase in September. Within shelter, renters' costs rose 0.4 percent and homeowners' costs, 0.2 percent. Maintenance and repair costs declined 0.2 percent. The index for household fuels and utilities increased 0.6 percent, the same as in September. Fuel oil prices rose 2.7 percent, and charges for natural gas and electricity increased 0.5 and 1.2 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in October, following an increase of 0.2 percent in September.

Transportation costs fell 0.2 percent in October, reflecting declines in the indexes for motor fuels, new vehicles, and public transportation. Gasoline prices, which had increased in each of the 2 preceding months, turned back down in October, declining 0.8 percent. As of October, the gasoline index was 17.7 percent lower than its peak level of November 1990. Automobile purchase costs declined in October as the new car index fell 0.3 percent and automobile finance charges declined 1.6 percent. (As of October, the proportion of prices for 1992 models in the index was about 30 percent of the new car sample. They will continue to be phased in over the next several months as new models replace the old at dealerships. For a report on quality changes for the 1992 cars, see news release USDL-91-585 dated November 13, 1991.) Partially offsetting the above mentioned declines in private transportation costs were increases in the indexes for used cars, automobile insurance, and automobile maintenance and repair costs. The index for public transportation dropped 1.2 percent in October as a decline in airline fares more than offset increases in fares for other intercity transportation and intracity transportation.

The index for apparel and upkeep fell 0.4 percent in October. The October decrease reflects seasonally adjusted declines in all types of apparel commodities other than watches and jewelry. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 1.2 percent in October.)

The medical care component rose 0.6 percent in October to a level 8.1 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities rose 0.3 percent. The index for medical care services advanced 0.6 percent, with the cost of professional services and hospital and related services up 0.4 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs, which rose 0.7 percent in September, increased 0.2 percent in October. Declines in the prices for most entertainment commodities partially offset a 1.6 percent increase in fees for club memberships.

The index for other goods and services rose 0.5 percent in October following increases of 0.9 and 0.7 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. Smaller increases in the indexes for tuition and tobacco products are largely responsible for the moderation.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.1 percent in October.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Oct. '91	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Oct. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991								
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.		
All items	.3	.3	.2	.1	.1	.4	.1	2.4	2.7
Food and beverages	.7	.0	.4	-.5	-.2	.1	-.1	-.6	2.3
Housing	.1	.3	.1	.2	.0	.5	.3	3.1	3.1
Apparel and upkeep	-.2	.2	.2	.9	1.0	-.5	-.4	.3	3.1
Transportation	.0	.7	.2	-.1	.4	.2	-.2	2.0	-1.8
Medical care	.5	.6	.6	.5	.8	.6	.6	8.2	8.0
Entertainment	.7	.0	.2	.3	.4	.8	.1	5.1	4.3
Other goods and services	.9	.2	.9	.1	.6	1.0	.5	8.4	8.0

Consumer Price Index data for November 1991 will be released on Friday, December 13, 1991, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

#### A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1986 through 1990 were replaced at the end of 1990. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202) 504-2051.



### Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments--department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

### Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

#### Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

#### Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	$0.040 \times 100$
Equals percent change	4.0

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1990		Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1991 from-		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-	
		1990	1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1991	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.
All items	.....	100.000	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items (1967=100)	.....	-	411.1	411.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	.....	17.706	136.7	136.5	-	-	-	-	-
Food	.....	16.188	136.0	135.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food at home	.....	10.094	134.9	134.6	-	-	-	-	-
Cereals and bakery products 1/	.....	1.420	144.5	144.9	3.3	-	-	-	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	.....	1.169	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy products	.....	1.230	132.8	132.8	-	-	-	-	-
Fruits and vegetables	.....	1.830	132.8	132.8	-	-	-	-	-
Other food at home	.....	2.418	132.7	132.7	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar and sweets 1/	.....	0.363	132.7	132.7	-	-	-	-	-
Fats and oils 1/	.....	0.271	131.1	131.1	-	-	-	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages	.....	0.765	131.1	131.1	-	-	-	-	-
Other prepared food	.....	1.039	131.1	131.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home 1/	.....	6.094	138.3	138.3	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages 1/	.....	1.518	144.4	144.4	-	-	-	-	-
Housing	.....	41.356	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Shelter	.....	27.607	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Renters' costs 2/	.....	7.906	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Rent, residential	.....	5.840	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Other renters' costs	.....	2.065	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Homeowners' costs 2/	.....	19.544	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	.....	9.163	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Household insurance 1/	.....	2.298	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs 1/	.....	1.127	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	.....	0.080	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel and other utilities	.....	7.327	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels	.....	4.140	134.7	134.7	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel oil and other household fuel commodities	.....	0.520	88.9	90.9	-23.3	2.2	1.1	1.4	1.0
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	.....	3.619	115.5	112.9	3.6	-2.3	-0.6	-0.9	1.0
Other utilities and public services 1/	.....	3.188	139.2	139.6	4.4	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operation 1/	.....	6.171	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	-
Housefurnishings 1/	.....	3.773	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies 1/	.....	1.168	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping services 1/	.....	1.431	139.6	139.6	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel and upkeep	.....	6.073	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	.....	5.512	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Men's and boys' apparel	.....	2.461	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Women's and girls' apparel	.....	2.495	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Infants and toddlers' apparel 1/	.....	0.556	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Footwear	.....	0.051	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Other apparel commodities 1/	.....	0.547	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel services	.....	0.561	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	.....	17.796	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	.....	16.018	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	.....	4.043	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
New cars	.....	1.139	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Used cars	.....	2.904	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	.....	0.051	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	.....	1.498	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs 1/	.....	4.507	133.8	133.8	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation commodities 1/	.....	0.688	104.2	104.3	2.2	1.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1
Other private transportation services	.....	3.819	159.9	161.4	4.6	1.9	0.9	1.4	1.1
Public transportation 1/	.....	1.582	146.6	146.6	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	.....	6.387	179.7	180.7	0.6	-	-	-	-
Medical care commodities	.....	3.203	180.0	180.3	0.2	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	.....	3.184	179.7	180.4	0.4	-	-	-	-
Professional medical services	.....	3.184	179.7	180.4	0.4	-	-	-	-
Entertainment 1/	.....	4.316	140.2	140.5	0.4	-	-	-	-
Entertainment commodities 1/	.....	2.016	130.7	130.5	-0.2	-	-	-	-
Entertainment services 1/	.....	2.300	151.4	151.4	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	.....	6.367	175.8	176.2	0.2	-	-	-	-
Tobacco and smoking products	.....	1.542	120.7	120.7	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care 1/	.....	1.194	135.6	135.7	0.1	-	-	-	-
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	.....	0.634	133.4	133.3	-0.1	-	-	-	-
Personal care services 1/	.....	0.559	133.4	133.3	-0.1	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational expenses	.....	3.401	180.0	180.0	-	-	-	-	-
School books and supplies	.....	0.227	180.0	180.0	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational services	.....	3.195	180.0	180.0	-	-	-	-	-
Commodity and service group	.....	100.000	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items	.....	100.000	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Commodities	.....	40.287	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Food and beverages	.....	17.706	136.7	136.5	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	.....	22.581	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	.....	10.094	134.9	134.6	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	.....	5.512	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	.....	11.370	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Durables	.....	10.700	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Services	.....	10.713	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Rent of shelter 2/	.....	7.035	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	.....	8.780	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation services	.....	6.899	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	.....	3.184	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Other services	.....	6.815	133.3	133.3	-	-	-	-	-
Special indexes	.....	100.000	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items less food	.....	82.294	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items less shelter	.....	72.343	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	.....	90.613	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items less medical care	.....	53.613	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Commodities less food	.....	22.581	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food 1/	.....	18.400	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	.....	12.888	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Nondurables 1/	.....	13.587	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Services less shelter 2/	.....	46.878	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Services less medical care services	.....	43.694	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Energy	.....	6.191	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items less energy	.....	93.809	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
All items less food and energy	.....	75.622	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	.....	24.538	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Energy commodities	.....	4.571	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Services less energy services	.....	51.093	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:	.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1982-84=1.00 1/	.....	-	8.729	8.728	-0.1	-	-	-	-
1967-81.00 1/	.....	-	443.3	443.3	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84-100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	July 1991	Aug 1991	Sept 1991	Oct 1991	Jan 1992	3 months ended- July 1991	July 1991	Oct 1991	6 months ended- Aug 1991	Oct 1991
All items .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Food at home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Cereals and bakery products 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Dairy products 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Fruits and vegetables .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other food at home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Sugar and sweets 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Fats and oils 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other prepared food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Food away from home 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Alcoholic beverages 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Housing .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Renters' costs 2/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Owners' costs 2/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Owners' equivalent rent 2/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Household insurance 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Fuel and other utilities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Fuels .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other utilities and public services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Household furnishings and operation 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Household furnishings 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Housekeeping supplies 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Housekeeping services 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Apparel and upkeep .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Men's and boys' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Women's and girls' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Footwear .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other apparel commodities 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Apparel services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
New vehicles .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
New cars .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Used cars .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Motor fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Gasoline .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Maintenance and repairs 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Public transportation 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Medical care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Medical care commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Professional medical services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Entertainment 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Entertainment commodities 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Entertainment services 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other goods and services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Tobacco and smoking products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Personal care 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Toilet goods and personal care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
appliance 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Personal care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Personal and educational expenses .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
School books and supplies .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Personal and educational services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Commodity and service group .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Commodities less food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Nondurables less food, beverages, .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
and apparel 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Durables .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Rent of shelter 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Household services less rent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
of shelter 2/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Transportation services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Other services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Special indexes .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less homeowners' costs 2/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less medical care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Commodities less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Nondurables less food 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Nondurables 1/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Services less rent of shelter 2/ .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Services less medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
All items less food and energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Commodities less food and energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Energy commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9
Services less energy services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.3	1.5	3.0	2.7	2.9

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

Indexes on a 1982=100 base.

2/ Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.



Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index  
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule	Indexes				Percent change to			Percent change to		
			July 1991	Aug 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	Oct. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Sept. 1990	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991
U.S. city average .....		M	136.2	136.6	137.2	137.4	2.9	0.6	0.1	3.4	0.7	0.1
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban .....		M										
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....		M										
North Central urban .....		M										
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....		M										
South urban .....		M										
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....		M										
West urban .....		M										
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....		M										
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....		M										
Size classes												
A 3/ .....		M										
B 3/ .....		M										
C 3/ .....		M										
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....		M										
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....		M										
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....		M										
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....		M										
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....		M										
Baltimore, MD .....		M										
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH .....		M										
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....		M										
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....		M										
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....		M										
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....		M										
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....		M										
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....		M										
Houston-Galveston-Beaumont, TX .....		M										
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....		M										

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated.

2/ - Every month.  
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

Indexes on a December 1981=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1990		Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Oct. 1991 from Oct. 1990		Seasonally adjusted percent change from July to Aug. 1991		Seasonally adjusted percent change from Sept. to Oct. 1991	
		1982-84=100	1990=100	1982-84=100	1990=100	Oct. 1990	Sept. 1991	July to Aug.	Aug. to Sept.	Sept. to Oct.	Oct. to Nov.
	All items	100.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	All items (1967-100)	-	402.8	403.2							
	Food and beverages	19.604	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Food at home	14.421	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Cereals and bakery products	3.714	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.714	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Dairy products	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Fruits and vegetables	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other food at home	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Sugar and sweets	0.387	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Fats and oils	0.387	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Nonalcoholic beverages	0.387	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other prepared food	0.387	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Food away from home	5.183	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Alcoholic beverages	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Housing	33.814	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Shelter	28.614	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Renters' costs	14.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Rent, residential	14.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other renters' costs	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Homeowners' costs	14.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Owners' equivalent rent	14.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Household insurance	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Maintenance and repair	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Maintenance and repair services	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	commodities	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Fuel and other utilities	7.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Fuels	4.174	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.133	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other utilities and public services	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Household furnishings and operation	2.317	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Household furnishings	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Housekeeping supplies	1.144	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Housekeeping services	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Apparel and upkeep	6.371	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Apparel commodities	5.448	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Men's and boys' apparel	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Women's and girls' apparel	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Footwear	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other commodities	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Apparel services	0.923	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Transportation	17.807	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Private transportation	14.421	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	New vehicles	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Used cars	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Motor fuel	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Gasoline	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Maintenance and repairs	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other private transportation	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	commodities	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other private transportation services	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Public transportation	3.386	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Medical care	5.407	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Medical care commodities	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Medical care services	5.407	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Professional medical services	5.407	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Entertainment	3.386	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Entertainment commodities	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Entertainment services	3.386	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other goods and services	6.371	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Tobacco and smoking products	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Personal care	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Toilet goods and personal care appliances	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Personal care services	1.173	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Personal and educational expenses	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	School books and supplies	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Personal and educational services	0.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Commodity and service group										
	All items	100.000	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Commodities	79.797	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Food and beverages	19.604	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Commodities less food and beverages	60.193	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Non durables less food and beverages	5.548	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Apparel commodities	5.448	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Non durables less food, beverages, and apparel	0.090	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Durables	12.509	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Services	20.193	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Rent of shelter	14.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Household services less rent of shelter	5.886	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Transportation services	8.307	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Medical care services	5.407	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Other services	5.886	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Special indexes										
	All items less food	80.396	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	All items less shelter	85.696	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	All items less homeowners' costs	85.696	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	All items less medical care	94.797	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Commodities less food	60.193	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Non durables less food	5.548	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Non durables less food and apparel	0.090	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Services less rent of shelter	5.886	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Services less medical care services	5.886	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Energy	12.509	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	All items less food and energy	87.896	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Commodities less food and energy	67.696	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Energy commodities	12.509	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Services less energy services	5.886	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1		
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar										
	1982-84=1.00	1.00	0.739	0.739	-2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	1967-81.00	1.00	0.248	0.248							

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.  
NOTE: Data not available.  
Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group  
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Jul 1981	Aug 1981	Sep 1981	Oct 1981	Nov 1981	3 months ended- Apr 1981	3 months ended- Jul 1981	3 months ended- Oct 1981	3 months ended- Jan 1982	3 months ended- Apr 1982
<b>Expenditure category</b>										
All items .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Food at home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Cereals and bakery products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Dairy products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Fruits and vegetables .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other food at home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Sugar and sweets .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Fats and oils .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Nonalcoholic beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other prepared food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Food away from home .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Alcoholic beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Housing .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Renters' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Rent, residential .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other renters' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Homeowners' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Owners' equivalent rent .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Household insurance .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Maintenance and repair services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Maintenance and repair commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy) .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other utilities and public services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Household furnishings and operation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Housefurnishings .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Housekeeping supplies .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Housekeeping services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel and upkeep .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Men's and boys' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Women's and girls' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Footwear .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
New vehicles .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Used cars .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Motor fuel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Gasoline .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Maintenance and repairs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other private transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other private transportation commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other private transportation services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Public transportation .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Medical care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Medical care commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Professional medical services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Entertainment .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Entertainment commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Entertainment services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other goods and services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Tobacco and smoking products .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Personal care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Personal care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Personal and educational expenses .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
School books and supplies .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Personal and educational services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<b>Commodity and service group</b>										
All items .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities less food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Semi-durables less food and beverages .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Semi-durables less food, beverages, and apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Durables .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Rent of shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Household services less rent of shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Transportation services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Other services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<b>Special indexes</b>										
All items less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
All items less shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
All items less homeowners' costs .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
All items less medical care .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Semi-durables less food .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Semi-durables less food and apparel .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Services less shelter .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Services less medical care services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
All items less energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
All items less food and energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities less food and energy .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Energy commodities .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Services less energy services .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.  
Index on a December 1984=100 base.  
Data not available.  
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Area	Pricing schedule	Indexes				Percent change to Oct. 1991 from-			Percent change to Sept. 1991 from-		
		July 1991	Aug. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1991	1980	1981	1991	1980	1981	1991
U.S. city average .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
North Central urban .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
South urban .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
West urban .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size A - More than 1,000,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000 .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Size classes											
A 3/ .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
B .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
C .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Baltimore, MD .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Boston-Lovence-Salem, MA-NH .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Washington, DC-MD-VA .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Houston-Galveston-Beaumont, TX .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA .....	N	134.3	134.6	135.2	135.4	2.7	0.6	0.1	3.1	0.7	0.6

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

N - Every month.  
 1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.  
 2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.  
 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.  
 Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.



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